

(5) the person is employed by a public or private utility company and is engaged in the reading of meters or performing a similar duty for that company requiring the operator to frequently enter into and exit from a vehicle.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1999, and applies only to an offense committed on or after that date.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 8, 1999, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1999: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 29, 1999.

Effective September 1, 1999.

CHAPTER 317

H.B. No. 889

AN ACT

relating to establishing an Institute for the preservation of history and culture at Prairie View A&M University.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 87, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 87.106 to read as follows:

Sec. 87.106. INSTITUTE FOR PRESERVATION OF HISTORY AND CULTURE. (a) The board of regents of The Texas A&M University System shall establish at Prairie View A&M University an institute for the preservation of Texas and American history and culture.

(b) The organization, control, and management of the institute is vested in the board of regents.

(c) The employment of personnel by and the operating budget of the institute are subject to the approval of the board of regents. An employee of the institute is an employee of Prairie View A&M University.

(d) The mission of the institute is to collect, preserve, study, and make available for research information, records, documents, artifacts, and other items relating to Texas history and culture and to the history and culture of the United States and the Americas as that history and culture relates to Texas. The institute shall give special emphasis to collecting, preserving, and studying information and items relating to the role and contributions of African Americans to Texas history and culture, including:

(1) the history of African-American education in Texas;

(2) the contributions of African Americans to military history; and

(3) the role and contributions of African Americans in the settlement, development, and culture of Texas, including in the areas of government, agriculture, science and industry, labor and demography, business, nursing and medicine, public health, architecture and engineering, the professions, sports, and the arts.

(e) Consistent with its mission, the institute may:

(1) establish and operate a museum, archives, automated systems for data access and retrieval, or similar facilities; and

(2) operate educational and awareness programs, particularly for students in public education.

(f) The board of regents or the university may solicit and accept gifts and grants from a public or private source for the benefit of the institute.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 23, 1999: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1999: Yeas 30, Nays.

Approved May 29, 1999.

Effective May 29, 1999.

CHAPTER 318

H.B. No. 912

AN ACT

relating to access to criminal history record information by a domestic relations office for a social study or a commissioners court for a county child welfare board member.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Sections 411.1285 and 411.1286 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.1285. ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION: DOMESTIC RELATIONS OFFICE. (a) A domestic relations office created under Chapter 203, Family Code, is entitled to obtain from the department criminal history record information that relates to a person who is a subject of a social study under Subchapter D, Chapter 107, Family Code.

(b) The department shall provide the domestic relations office with criminal history record information not later than the 10th day after the date on which the criminal history record information is requested.

(c) Criminal history record information requested under this section, including information included in a report of a social study filed under Section 107.054, Family Code, may not be released or disclosed by a domestic relations office to a person other than the court ordering the social study except on court order or with the consent of the person who is the subject of the criminal history record information.

Sec. 411.1286. ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURTS; COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD MEMBERS. The commissioners court of a county is entitled to obtain from the department criminal history record information maintained by the department that relates to a member of a county child welfare board appointed by the commissioners court under Section 264.005, Family Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1999, and applies only to a social study ordered on or after that date. A social study ordered before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the social study was ordered, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 23, 1999, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1999: Yeas 30, Nays 0.